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20 Year Anniversary of the sale of Crandon Mine to Mole Lake Chippewa & the Forest County Potawatomi



By MIke Monte

Last Saturday, there was a commemoration and a celebration of the 20 year anniversary of the sale of the Crandon Mine property to the Sokaogon Chippewa at Mole Lake and the Forest County Potawatomi. For those involved in the roughly ten year battle with various mining companies to stop the mine from happening or at least to see that it was done with the utmost attention to the environment, it was both a day of celebration and of remembrance.

The celebration began in the morning in Mole Lake, when the color guard came in to the beat of the drums. A stirring speech by Chairman Robert Van Zile brought back many of the memories from the years when Exxon and succeeding mining companies fought to gain the permits needed for them to start mining the ore body just east of the Mole Lake community.

Many memories came to the surface at this get together. For those not familiar with this past struggle, here is a brief synopsis.

In the mid 1970's, Exxon discovered what was to be called the Crandon Mine. This was the start of an epic battle between Exxon and those opposed to the mine. The reasons for the opposition were many. The biggest reason was probably that the ore body was located in part of the headwaters of the famous Wolf River, and the other fact is that the parent rock in the ore body was heavy to sulphur bearing rock. When disturbed and combined with water and air, sulphuric acid would form and eventually ruin the water supply for Mole Lake and everything downstream.

The battle was that the mining companies involved claimed that they could contain the potential pollution and those opposed didn't believe they could, and once the damage was done, there was no reversing that damage.

The real push for the permitting began with a meeting on September 1st of 1993, and the conflict continued throughout the 90's. Exxon had made a deal with a Canadian mining company named Rio Algom that was operating a uranium mine in Canada. They took local people on bus trips to show them how nice a mining town could be.

Conservation Corner

Conservation Corner is a weekly article produced by the Forest County Land & Water Conservation Department. For more information, contact Steve Kircher, County Conservationist-Land Information/GIS Director, at 715-478-1387 or by e-mail at Icc@co.forest.wi.us.

Celebrating Wisconsin Bat Week: Protecting These

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Creatures
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is this week, and it's
also Bat Week. This
is a national annual
e v e n t t h a t
showcases the
importance of bats in
our ecosystem and
the need for their
conservation. This
w e e k - I o n g
c e I e b r a t i o n
highlights the unique



role these creatures play in maintaining the balance of our environment. From their role in pollination to controlling insect populations, bats are invaluable to our ecosystems.

Bats are often misunderstood and underappreciated. However, they are vital to the health of our environment. They are natural pollinators, helping to https://batweek.org/

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Snow White: The Melodrama!

Bring the whole family to see a retold tale by the Laona/Wabeno Rebel Drama Department



First Row: Alize Schingeck, Very Tuckwab, Madison Thomson, Adele Sattler, Jake Mason, Zachariah Sarratt. Middle Row: Aria Thomson, Lizzie Novak, Idalynn Vladik, Lauren Harris, Xavier Maass, Tristan Miotke. Back Row: Kyla Barea, Taylor Miotke, Kaylin Julson, David Nelson, Ab Peterson, Autumn Warden, Cam Sorenson, Ezekiel Sarratt. Not Pictured: Jessa Ritchie, Madi Smits-Craw, and Yukon Volk

The Laona/Wabeno Rebel Drama Department is very excited to present a delightfully funny and family - friendly adaptation of the famous fairy tale about Princess Snow White. This adaptation is NOT the Disney version, and it is much more fun. The name of the play is "Snow White: The Melodrama!" by Michael Wehrli.

The script is filled with slapstick humor and audience participation featuring "Boos" and "Hisses" for the Evil Queen, and sweet "Ahhs" for the lovely Snow White. The show runs November 9-12, Thursday through Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

The nontraditional cast of characters includes an independent, but too trusting, hand tool toting Snow White (Autumn Warden) who is unsuccessfully wooed by Prince Ronald (Cameron Sorenson) who speaks in spoonerisms, which means he repeatedly transposes the first letters of two words when he gets nervous.

Snow White's exceptionally wicked Stepmother, who is also the Evil Queen (Ab Peterson), cannot tolerate Snow White's beauty, even though a wonderfully droll Mystic Mirror "Off" the Wall (Ezekiel Sarratt) halfheartedly tries to appease the queen's wickedness with rhymes and silly songs. To eliminate her rival, the queen enlists the assistance of a kind hearted Hunter (David Nelson), but will he succeed?

A variety of other amusing characters appear including ELEVEN dwarves: Madi Thomson as Bossy, Adele Sattler as Bossy's Assistant, Jessa Ritchie as Corny, Idalynn Vladik as Punchy, Veey Tuckwab as Ditzy, Tristan Miotke as Hyper, Jake Mason as Klutzy, Xavier Maass as Loquacious, Lauren Harris as Silent, Lizzie Novak as Trivial, and Alize Schingeck as Whiney.

The story is narrated by Yukon Volk, assisted by melodrama sign managers, Kyla Barea and Kaylin Julson. Taylor Miotke plays Minerva–the queen disguised as a "Hawker of Wares." Madi Smits-Craw plays Rosita Raccoon, Aria Thomson plays Roberta Raccoon, and Zechariah Sarratt plays the Queen's Servant.

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Crandon Library Author Series "Love Hard...."

The Author Series as the library presents Deborah Mueller, author of the poignant memoir, "Love Hard: The Triumphant Story of a Mother's Roller Coaster Ride of Loving and Parenting a Child with Mental Health Struggles." Her book launch will be available at the Crandon Public Library on Wednesday, November 8 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join Deb in the lower level as she shares her experiences. "Mental illness is just one piece of a person's beautiful, strong, capable, accomplished, and multifaceted self. That there's beauty in being perfectly imperfect." There will be a book signing with this local author after the completion of the program and refreshments will be available.

DNR Hunting Webpage offers onestop shop for hunting resources

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters that the DNR's Hunting webpage is a one-stop shop for everything a hunter needs to know before heading afield this season.

Hunters can find relevant information on hunting regulations, hours, public lands and more on the mobile-friendly webpages. Hunters can also register harvests on GameReg, the DNR's online game registration system.

Here's what hunters can find:

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Wabeno Lions support Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin



The Wabeno Lions recently presented guest speaker Adam Crowson from the Lions Eye Bank with a \$1000.00 donation. Adam explained the mission of the eye bank and how the cornea transplant program has not only restored sight to residents of Wisconsin but also the entire country and globally. Currently there is "no waiting list" in Wisconsin for cornea transplant tissue because of the generous gifts from donors and tremendous efforts of the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin.

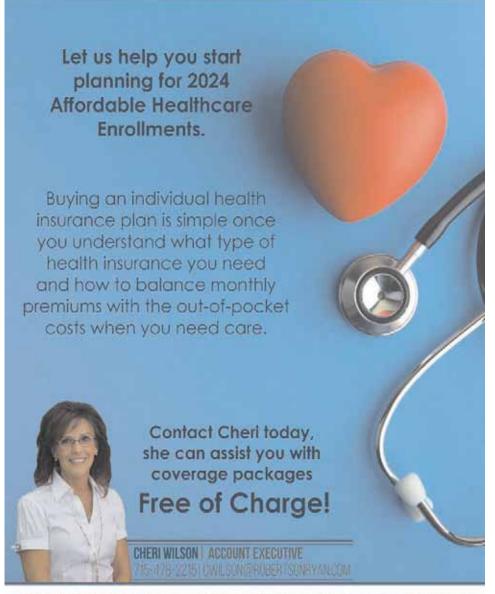
Pictured from left to right are Lion Ben Hermus, Adam Crowson and Lion Dan Edelbeck.

If you know of anyone who may possibly be in need of a cornea transplant or would like more information regarding the program, contact the Lions Eye Bank at 877-233-2354.



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On October 28th, the WIAA held the 111th State Cross Country Meet at the Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids. The Northern Lakes Conference had four runners qualify for the state meet: Addison May and Taylor Karcz from Crandon and Nolan Waltz and Ethan Potrykus from Three Lakes.

In the Boys Division 3 race, Ethan Potrykus took 118th, Nolan Waltz took 22nd and was the fastest freshmen in the Boys Division 3 race, and Taylor Karcz was the state runner up coming in 2nd with a time 0f 16:01. Karcz was 12 seconds behind the state champion, Charlie Vader from Iola-Scandanavia.

In the Girls Division 3 race, Addison May came away with a 7th place finish earning a spot on the podium as well. The Girls Divison 3 race winner was Autumn Michalski from Chequamegon with a time of 18:02.

Congratulations to all the state qualifiers on a great year!





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Halloween at the Lazansky Community Building Oct. 28th



The McCaslin Lions Club and the Crooked Lake/ Mountain Lions Club partnered with the Oconto County Handicapped Citizens Association to celebrate Halloween at the Lazansky Community building in Mountain Saturday the 28th. They provided a luncheon, music and even did a bit of dancing with the participants.

Everyone came dressed in costumes (the best 5 received a prize). Approximately 50 clients and care givers attended this event.

Many events are held throughout the year for OCHCA, which is headed by President Tracy Johnson. Both Lions Clubs were eager to help this wonderful group of adult citizens have such a good time.

The 39th Annual Show & Sell **Craft Show**

On Saturday, November 11th at the James Williams Middle School in Rhinelander, 8:30-3 p.m. **FREE ADMISSION!**

Over 100 Booths of Handmade Crafts The Oneida County Humane Society will have a Bake Sale and the Rhinelander **Lions will serve Food All Day!**



- Contest is for WI bucks shot in the regular firearms season.
- \$20.00 entry fee 100% pay back.
- Must sign up by November 18, 2023.
- Racks measured by (Points X Width) points must be at least 1" to count.
- Awards and Potluck dinner to be held at Junior's Saloon on Saturday, November 25, 2023 @ 6pm.
- Please bring a dish to pass.

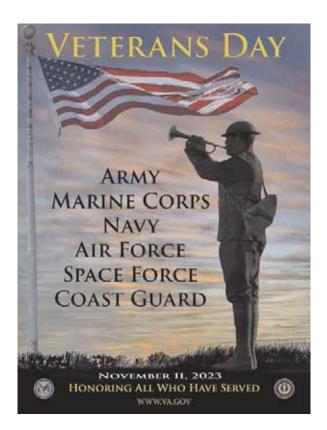
Call Junior's Saloon @ 715-478-3288 to sign up. Wisconsin deer license required.

School District of Wabeno invites the public to celebrate **Veterans Day**

The School District of Wabeno Area has planned a special Veterans Day Assembly to honor all of America's veterans on Friday, November 10, 2023. The day begins at Wabeno Elementary School where local veterans will raise the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance with students. Next, a special breakfast honoring veterans and their families is being prepared and served by the FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) students and their teacher, Natalie Ollhoff, at 8:30 a.m. in the Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School commons.

Following the breakfast, the Veterans Day Assembly begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School gymnasium where all veterans and the public are invited to attend. Members of the American Legion Sylvan Post #44 will post the colors. The Forest County Potawatomi Fire Nation Drum Group will also perform.

During the assembly, legion members will present a short history of Veterans Day, followed by the recognition of sixth grade essay winners. The WHS Badger State Girl will share a brief speech and music selections will be performed by students, directed by chorus teacher, Charisa Statezny, and band director, Michelle Boor. For more information or questions, please call 715-473-5122.



AREA EVENTS



Arbutus Lutheran Church

Arbutus Lutheran Church W6607 Church Ln Pearson, WI 54462

Sunday Worship at 9:45 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Church Evangelical In America

Phone: 715-219-6303 Email: arbutuselca@gmail.com Facebook.com/arbutuselca

Sign Up for Townsend Holiday **Decorating Contest 2023**

Town of Townsend residents and business owners will once again be able to decorate their house/property for the Town of Townsend 5th Annual Holiday Lights Competition for homes and businesses.

Sign-up forms will be available on November 6, 2023 at the Townsend Town Hall, Karla's Kitchen, Mike's Supermarket and townsendwisconsin.org. Sign up forms will need to be returned to the Townsend Town Hall no later than December 10, 2023.

Voting ballots and location maps for participating contestants will be available December 15, 2023 and must be returned no later than 1-9-24 to the Townsend Town Hall, Karla's Kitchen and Mike's Supermarket.

There will be one prize for a decorated Townsend residence and one prize for a decorated Townsend husiness

Decorating can be done at any time to get ahead of all the wonderful wintery weather we know is coming. The organizers are hoping to get more people to decorate both their homes/property as well as local businesses. Let's work to make Townsend a Christmas wonderland

Watch for the annual Townsend Christmas tree lighting party on November 26, 2023 at 4PM. This is the tree located at the front of the Townsend Town Hall.

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Laona High School • Rain or Shine

FOOD & TOY DRIVE Receive an entry into the Door

Prize Raffle for every new unopened toy or non-perishable food item you donate! Items will be given to the Christmas Drive. The Class of 2024 & 2025 will be serving Food and Beverages

Free Admission

Anyone interested in having a booth can contact the Laona School at 716-674-2143 ext 265 or email: laonacraftfair@gmail.com

RUMMAGE SALES

Moved Out and Downsizing: 8804 Pine Lake Road, Hiles. 1975 Massey Ferguson tractor mounted on snowblower, electric snowblower, Troybuilt 30 inch rider lawnmower, push power mower, air compressor plus tools including several nailers, antique dry sink, kitchen island, chest freezer, misc. Household goods. Call 414-229-9845





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Roast Beef Onion Jam Melt-Fresh Roast Beef with a Onion Jam, Garlic Horseradish Mayo, with Cheese on a Garlic Hearty Bread served with Pickles & Chips

Fiesta Chicken Flatbread -Seasoned Chicken with Fiesta Sauce with Mexican Corn, Jalapeno, Onion, Tomatoes, with 4-Blend Mozzarella Cheese and Cheddar with a Garlic Lime Sour Cream Drizzle, Baked on Flat Bread

Garlic Herb Pesto Chicken

Wrap-Pesto Grilled Chicken, Tomato, Romaine Lettuce, Parmesan Cheese with Ceasar Dressing on a Garlic Herb Wrap, served with Pickles & Chips

Pulled Pork Jim Beam Rolled Naan Bread- Roasted Jim Beam Pulled Pork with an Orange Jim Beam Onion Jam and Swiss Cheese with Crispy Bacon served on a Rolled Grilled Naan Bread served with Pickles & Chips

Strawberry Shortcake-Old Fashioned, Fresh Strawberry over a Fresh Biscuit topped with Whipped Cream

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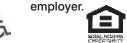
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SMALL HOUSE FOR **RENT IN MOLE LAKE:** Newly remodeled, small two-bedroom, one bath house for rent near Mole Lake's public landing. Stove and fridge provided. Possible garden area. Lawn mowing, snow plowing and trash removal included. \$650/month rent plus electric & LP gas utilities. \$650 deposit. No pets. No smoking. References required. Available Nov. 1. Call 715-478-5023. **B34**

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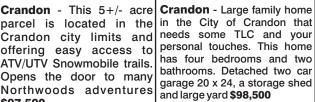




Crandon - 10 City lots that Hiles - Landmark building in Crandon - This 2 acre parcel total 2.21 wooded acres in Hiles that needs a tune-up. has a 25' x 36' metal garage the City of Crandon. Close to The estate is selling this on it and is partially finished shopping, parks & Lake property "AS IS". 31' x 44 inside. Located minutes from workshop. Motivated sellers Lake Metonga, Veterans so if you are looking for a Memorial Park and the project, schedule a viewing today! \$74,900









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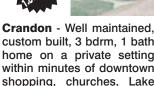




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land, there is plenty of wildlife to enjoy. Located just a short distance from shopping & restaurants. You can also enjoy nearby lakes; as well as snowmobile and UTV trails. So if you're looking for a reasonably priced year around home or you have been looking for your cabin in the woods, please schedule a showing today. \$199,900

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garage is a 2 car plus, with an entrance leading into the kitchen on the main level as well as an entrance going to the lower level, directly into the full size laundry room for added convenience. The backyard landscaping and trees will give you the country feeling, while being in the city. The house sits on almost an acre of land and has a very large backyard. Whether you enjoy fishing, grilling, sitting by the campfire or setting up a volley ball net...this property has endless opportunities to enjoy time with your family and friends. \$324,900











Bids & Notices

WHAT'S TO EAT

LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT **BREAKFAST MENU** Nov. 6-10

Mon. - Cereal, yogurt cup, peaches, fruit juice, milk

Tues. - Pancakes. sausage, applesauce, fruit juice, milk

Wed. - Bagel with toppings, string cheese, strawberries, fruit juice,

Thurs. - Cinni mini, string cheese, banana, fruit juice,

Fri. - Cereal, string cheese, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk

LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT **LUNCH MENU** Nov. 6-10

Mon. - Egg patty, sausage links, whole grain bagel, hash brown, orange juice Tues. - Cheeseburger hot dish, vegetable blend, pears, breadstick, sundae cup, garden bar

Wed. - Rice bowl, chicken stir fry, vegetable, tropical fruit, fortune cookie

Thurs. - Crispito, sweet corn, beans/salsa, pineapple, garden bar

Fri. - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, mixed berry cup, dinner roll, cake

Wabeno School **Breakfast Menu** Nov., 6-10

Monday - Assorted cereal, yogurt, peaches, fruit juice, milk

Tuesday - Breakfast bites, hash brown patty, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk

Wednesday -Cheese omelet, tator tots, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk

Thursday - Pancakes, sausage links, banana, fruit juice, milk

Friday -W,G. cinnamon rolls, yogurt, strawberries,, fruit juice,

Wabeno School **Lunch Menu**

Nov.. 6-10

meat sauce/marinara,

California blend, garlic

bread, grapes, garden

Tuesday - Taco bar,

Spanish rice, corn,

pineapple tidbits, garden

Wednesday - Sloppy

joes, fries, mixed

vegetables, oranges,

Thursday - Popcorn

chicken, buttered

noodles, carrots,

watermelon, garden bar,

Friday - Lasagna, garlic

bread, California blend,

apple slices, garden bar,

garden bar, milk

Spaghetti,

Monday -

bar, milk

bar, milk



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Bidders should include name, address and phone number with the sealed bid. All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked "Generator Bid 2023."

All bids are due in the Wabeno Sanitary District office by Noon (CST) on Thursday, November 9, 2023. The envelopes will be opened at the Wabeno Sanitary District No. 1 Regular Board meeting that is set for Friday, November 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM under agenda item number 3. Award will be made to the highest responsible bidder as determined by the Wabeno Sanitary District Board.

Successful bidder will be notified by phone and must remove the generator within seven (7) business days of bid award.

Signed:

Wabeno Sanitary District No. 1

Board of Commissioners

Laona Board of Education

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 • 5:30 p.m. Room 24, C.L. Robinson Elementary School

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance Samantha Hoffman
- 3. Approval of the Agenda
- 4. Public Forum (10 Minutes)
- 5. Consent Agenda A. Bills and Claims
 - B. Meeting Minutes
- 6. Items for Discussion and/or Action
 - A. District Report Cards
 - **B.** Coaching Resignations
 - C. Co-Curricular Hires
 - D. Higher Education Options Jason Bertrand E. Fall Co-Op Meeting
- 7. Informational Items:
 - A. Business Manager's Report
 - B. Middle/High School Principal's Report
 - C. District Administrator/Elementary Principal's Report
 - D. Board Member Reports
 - E. Committee Reports
- 8. Enter Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee.
- 9. Return to Open Session to possibly take action on items discussed in closed session.

10. Adjourn:

Notes: "This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

The agenda could be subject to last minute change(s).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Forest County Office on Aging 2024 Transportation Plan is scheduled for a public hearing on Wednesday, November 29th, 2023 at 1:15 p.m. at the Crandon Public Library Lower Level, 110 W Polk Street, Crandon, WI 54520.

The public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving comments regarding Forest County's proposed elderly and disabled transportation plan as authorized under Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Those persons unable to attend the hearing and wishing to submit comments in advance, may do so by mailing their comments prior to the hearing to: Kathy Fohrman, Director, Forest County Commission on Aging, 200 East Madison, Crandon, WI 54520.

The plan, included a draft of the 2024 DOT 85.21 grant is available for examination at the Forest County Clerk's Office, 200 East Madison Street in Crandon from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To obtain a copy of the plan you can either contact the County Clerk's office at (715) 478-2422 and arrange a time to pick up a copy or you can review the plan on the Forest County Website at http://www.co.forest.wi.gov/ under plans tab.

Persons with disabilities that require special accommodations wishing to attend the hearing should contact the Office on Aging (715) 478-3256 prior to November 29th, 2023. The location of the hearing is accessible to person with disabilities.

NOTICE TO BID **TOWN OF CRANDON** L.R.I.P. JOB

The town is requesting bids for: Overlay Hot Mix. 2 1/4" compacted Replace 60 foot culvert Shoulder 3 feet Pulverize and not pulverize bid. Total length 2,220 feet. Contact Richard Huber at 715-360-6882 or Nick Crum at 715-889-0752

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Wabeno High School students have provided all of the design and technical assistance for the show. Senior Sarah Gouge designed the poster art and the scenery. Seniors Bailey Blasing and Allisia Cisneros Tuckwab have selected and managed all of the costumes. Senior Lauren Harris is in charge of the props, assisted by freshman Jake Mason. The audio managers are senior Brian Sears and junior Elise Harris, and the lighting manager is freshman Kyra Beaber. Helping with the scenery and backstage are Conner Harris, Miley Godin, and Trina Ward.

The show will also feature live piano music played by WASD staff member, Maline Enders, who will perform classic silent movie style tunes to accompany the character's antics.

Bring the whole family to see this retold tale. General Admission Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the door. For more information, contact Janet DeJean Newton, the Laona/Wabeno Rebel Drama Director at Wabeno High School: (715) 473-5122, Extension 3439.



Thank Yous and Personals

Thank You
This is a thank you on behalf of Kathleen Kennedy, who passed away September 22, 2023. The compassion and understanding from this community has helped me and my daughters cope with our loss.

The services from Shane Packard's funeral home, combined with the dignity Good Shepherd Lutheran Church added, were all very deserving and sincere.

We will need this encouragement in the coming months, and again thank everyone for their emotional support and prayers.

Bob, Sarah and Kayla Kennedy



Still Remembered

The beauty of the butterfly floating gracefully in the sky, Reminds me of your angel's flight as 20 years gone by.

Where Angels sing and with God's great Grace, I know your fine in the most beautiful place.

Memories are shared and many stories still told, **Releasing much happiness** never to grow old.

The radiance of your smile streams down from the heavens, Refreshing the "Love" everyone still feels you sending.

As fields of wild flowers cascade on forever, Your sweet treasured memories, will diminish never.

So, when days turn to months and months into years, The beauty of the butterfly reminds us all you are still near.

Beloved Daughter Michelle-Many loved you and always will.

Mom & Lenny

From the Forest County Health Department **Excess Halloween Treats?**

Afraid you'll be dealing with an excess of Halloween treats until long after Valentine's Day? Here are some ideas for enjoying the Halloween haul responsibly and getting rid of leftover candy from the American He Association:

Let each child keep enough candy to have one or two pieces a day for one or two weeks (long enough for the excitement to wane). Discard, donate or re-purpose the

- When your child asks for a piece of candy, pair it with a healthy snack: an apple, a banana, some nuts, or celery with peanut butter.
- "Buy back" candy from your child with money or tokens they can trade in for a fun activity: a day at the zoo, an afternoon playing at the park, going ice skating, or a day at the pool.
- Some dentists' offices have buy-back or trade-in programs, too.
- Save it for holiday baking.
- Save it to fill the piñata at the next birthday celebration or give out with Valentine cards.
- Use it in an arts and crafts project or to decorate a holiday gingerbread house.
- Donate excess candy to a homeless shelter, children's hospital, or care package program for troops overseas. A familiar sweet treat from home can be comforting at the holidays.

THANK YOU

It is with gratitude and appreciation that we would like to thank our wonderful community for the kindness and support to our family during the loss of our father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

Thanks to Senolihns Bar (Vicki and Nieell) for the use of their facility. To Bill Stanley for arranging the military Honor Guard, and the Honor Guard itself from Rhinelander. To all who came to the Celebration of Life, those who brought food, cards and other donations to make the event special.

Additional thanks to the Laona Fire Department and Rescue Squad for the presence of the engine, the squad and the "Last Call" Ceremony.

The Family of John Wm. Klingensmith, Jr.

DNR Hunting Webpage Cont. from pg. 1

Go Wild! - Buying a license is the first step to hunting this fall. If they haven't already, hunters should buy their hunting licenses online on the Go Wild website (or in person at a license agent). Bonus harvest authorizations can also be purchased through Go Wild.

Hunting Regulations And Hours – The Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 Combined Hunting Regulations pamphlet is available online now, which includes hunting hours for the northern and southern parts of the state. View a map of the zones on this webpage.

Lands - Hunting is allowed on many of the DNR's public properties. Additionally, some private lands are open to public hunting through programs like the Voluntary Public Access program, and they can all be found on the maps on this webpage.

Safety Education - Whether new to hunting or wanting a refresher before the season, this hunter education-themed page connects hunters to hunter safety resources. The DNR especially recommends the Learn To Hunt classes for newer hunters.

First-Time Buyers Discount – If it's a hunter's first time hunting (or their first time in the last decade), they can receive a discount on their hunting license this year. Don't miss this opportunity.

Season Dates And Application Deadlines - Hunters can look through the season dates for all game species and print a handout for easy reference.

In June, the DNR announced the retirement of the Hunt Wild app, pushed a notification through the app, and directly emailed all users who registered an account with Hunt Wild.

In case anyone missed those messages or has automatic updates turned off, the DNR encourages hunters to use the mobile-friendly hunting resources above. Most of these resources are also downloadable for offline access.

CoVantage Cares Foundation reaches milestone

CoVantage Cares Foundation announces total giving has now surpassed \$3 million since the Foundation's inception in 2015, supporting over 350 worthy nonprofits that help individuals in need and improve the quality of life in the communities served by CoVantage Credit Union.

In 2015, CoVantage Credit Union leaders came together with an idea in mind on how to create a greater impact in the communities served by CoVantage Credit Union and the CoVantage Cares Foundation was born.

"With The Foundation on the heels of its eighth birthday, this accomplishment is something we are so proud to have reached," said Charlie Zanayed, CoVantage Cares Foundation President. "These funds have been distributed to organizations that make tremendous impacts for those who lack proper housing and battle food insecurities daily. Funding has also provided various financial education opportunities, supported many community enhancement projects and so much more. Our work is not done, and we look forward to the many more grants we will be able to support in the years to

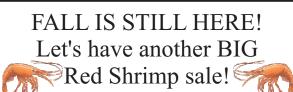
Foundation Director Morgan Teal shared, "Whether the economy is thriving or facing challenging times, there is always a need to serve the under-served in our communities. It is an honor of mine and the Cares Foundation board to bring resources together each quarter and annually during our Giving Tuesday campaign to support non-profits who are committed to making an impact. There is power in creating hope and showing kindness to others. I hope you feel inspired to create that hope today!"

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CoVantage Credit Union employees celebrated this huge accomplishment with CoVantage Cares Foundation this past week by wearing their Cares Foundation shirts in branches throughout Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois.

With growing demand in our communities, the need for funding continues to rise. Individuals and businesses in the communities can consider supporting CoVantage Cares Foundation this Giving Tuesday when they kick off their two-week giving campaign to support thirteen non-profit organizations. Funds generated will be matched with up to \$175,000 in contributions from CoVantage Cares Foundation. To learn more about the campaign as it nears closer, visit covantagecu.org/givingtuesday.



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- 3 Animal Incident(s)
- 1 Assault/Battery
- 4 Assists to Citizens/Motorists/Business
- 10 Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept.
- 2 Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept. (Drugs/K9 Deployment)
- 2 Assist Other Agency
- 2 Assist Rescue
- 1 ATV/UTV Incident(s)
- 3 Child Custody Matter/Dispute Incident(s)
- 1 Counterfeit Money Complaint
- 3 Criminal Damage to Property/Vandalism Incident(s)
- 2 Dangerous Drug/Drug Para. And/or Poss. (4 CITATIONS)
- 7 Disorderly Conduct/Fight(s) (2 CITATIONS)
- 3 Fraud/Scam Incident(s)
- 1 Fraudulent/Illegal Use of Credit Card Incident(s)
- 1 Gas Drive-Off Incident(s)
- 1 Harassment/Threat Incident(s)
- 4 Health/Safety/Welfare Incident(s)/911 Calls
- 1 Issue Worthless Checks Incident(s)
- 1 Liquor Law Violation(s) (3 CITATIONS)
- 2 O.W.I. (6 CITATIONS)
- 5 Probation/Parole Violation(s) (5 ARRESTS)
- 1 Property Dispute Incident(s)
- 35 Security Checks--Businesses/Residences
- 7 Suspicious Person/Activity/Package/Vehicle Incident(s)
- 2 Theft/Possible Theft Incident(s) (1 ARREST)
- 1 Tobacco Law Violation(s) (1 CITATION)
- 2 Traffic/Driving/Parking Incident(s)
- 4 Trespassing Complaint(s)
- 1 Unsecured Door/Window Incident(s)
- 4 Vehicle Lockout(s)
- 1 Violation of Court Order
- 6 Warrant Arrest(s)/Apprehension Request(s) (2
- 17 Citations Issued re: Traffic-Related Matters
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Simple changes to soothe dry skin this winter

The skin, being the body's largest organ, is the canvas of our well-being, and everyone wants to put their best skin forward. However, maintaining healthy and vibrant skin requires effort, especially during colder, drier months.

National Healthy Skin month is a time when people are encouraged to learn about the functions of the skin and how to keep it working and looking its best. The aim is to emphasize the significance of keeping the skin fresh and well-hydrated, not only in winter but year-round.

"Our skin loses moisture as we age, so it's important to establish daily healthy habits and skincare routines for optimal skin health," says Nikole Larkin, Nurse Practitioner at Aspirus Plastic Surgery & Aesthetics. "It's never too late to start."

To help you achieve a lifetime of healthier skin, here are seven winter tips from the American Academy of Dermatology Association (AAD):

• Combat Dry Skin during Baths and Showers: Adjust shower or bath temperature to a lower setting and limit the duration to 5-10 minutes. Use a gentle cleanser and pat your skin dry with a towel.

 Moisturize Promptly: Apply moisturizer immediately after washing to trap moisture in the skin. Opt for ointments, creams, or lotions containing moisture-locking ingredients like glycerin, hyaluronic acid, and dimethicone.

Larkin adds, "applying hyaluronic acid topically attracts and retains moisture, effectively hydrating the skin. This results in a moisturized, soft skin texture and a reduction in the appearance of lines and wrinkles."

 Choose Ointments or Creams: Opt for ointments or creams over lotions, as they are more effective and less irritating. Look for products with moisture-locking ingredients to keep your skin hydrated and soft.

• Protect Your Lips: Use a soothing lip balm and switch if it causes discomfort or irritation to your lips.

· Guard Your Hands: Wear gloves to protect your hands, especially in cold or wet weather or when handling substances that could irritate the skin.

•Stay Warm Wisely: Avoid direct exposure to excessive heat sources like fireplaces, as they can dry out your skin. Layer clothing and use blankets for warmth.

• Humidify the Air: Plug in a humidifier to add moisture to the air, particularly in heated indoor spaces.

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A note from the four busmen (Mike, Christ, Bob & Kevin) ...

This month we have two dates for special trips this month. On November 2, we will be taking a trip to the Stormy Kromer factory in Ironwood for a fun tour and the November 27 we will be taking a bus to Laona for anyone who wants to partake in the Tree Lighting.

This month we would also like to give a warm welcome to our new bus driver Kevin Kramer. Take a ride and say hi.

Please call 715-784-1497 if you would like to join us for these trips or for any other rides you'd like to attend.

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY TRIPS: Forest County to Rhinelander, Antigo and Iron Mountain.

We pick you up at your home sometime between 8 and 9 a.m. and typically arrive at the destination town around 9:45.

Walmart is a popular stop but we will attempt to take you wherever you wish. Then...LUNCH!!! (Optional) We talk about where to eat and all riders are encouraged to voice their opinion. Then return home, arriving between 1:00 and 2:00 most days.

Thursday, November 2: Stormy Kromer Tour -

Tuesday, November 7: Antigo Thursday, November 9: Iron Mountain Tuesday, November 14: Rhinelander Thursday, November 16: Antigo Tuesday, November 21: Iron Mountain Monday, November 27: Laona Tree Lighting @

5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28: Antigo Thursday, November 30: Iron Mountain

Forest County Commission on Aging



Nutrition Program SENIOR

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - Nov. 6 - Turkey sandwich on wheat bread, romaine leaf and tomato, split pea soup, crackers peaches, slices, cookie

Monday - Nov. 13 - Beef chop suey, whole grain rice, Oriental blend veggies, pineapple, carrot cake CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - Nov. 7 - Spaghetti and meat sauce, mixed greens, dressing, garlic breadstick, mandarin oranges, pineapple cake

Tuesday - Nov. 14 - Kielbasa with sauerkraut, German potato salad, peas, rye bread, dice mixed fruit

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO Wednesday - Nov. 8 - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, whole wheat roll, fresh grapes (VETERANS DAY)

Wednesday - Nov. 15 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, multi-grain bread, vanilla yogurt and berries

ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:00 p.m.)

Thursday - Nov. 9 - Hamburger on bun, carrots, baked beans, bun, banana pudding, milk Thursday - Nov. 16 - Turkey and dressing, green beans,

broccoli salad, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, pumpkin pie, milk

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

Crandon site is at 715-478-3040. Serving at 12:00

p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Alvin nutrition site manager Tammy Wolfe is at

Laona site manager Peggy Alderton at 715-889-3116 (cell). Meal served at 12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wabeno site manager Linda McEwen at 715-889-0123 (cell). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Armstrong Creek site manager Sharon Giles at 715-674-3532 (home). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the Editor: however the letters should be legible, in good taste, not libelous and pertinent to current issues. Names will not be withheld upon request, except for very special circumstances. NAME AND PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE INCLUDED FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES. We reserve the right to reject any and all letters.

HELP WANTED CRANDON SCHOOL

<u>Position Title</u>: Project AWARE Coordinator/Mental Health Coordinator

Reports to: Director of Pupil Services

Compensation:

• Salary Range: \$50,000 - \$80,000, based on experience.

The Mental Health Program Navigator position is funded through Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education), and is a limited term 5 year grant.

<u>Job Objective</u>: Assumes responsibility for daily implementation of grant program requirements and programming, grant program management, and reporting of grant information as required by district, state and federal contacts as required.

Position Description:

Project Aware Wisconsin is a SAMSHA grant funded initiative to develop an aligned and coordinated infrastructure within tiered systems of support for culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and equity-based approach to school based mental and behavioral health.

Project Aware will increase the mental health awareness and literacy of school-aged youth, and individuals who interact with them, to promote and foster wellbeing and detect the signs and symptoms of mental illness, substance use/misuse, and co-occurring disorders.

Project Aware will increase the capacity for and quality of implementation of evidence-based, mental health services and suicide prevention efforts. This position will work directly under the supervision of the Student Services Director at Crandon o, as well as serve as the liaison to the Project Aware State Project Director and team at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. This position will lead, develop, and maintain the Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education) program at the School District of Crandon and meet critical objectives outlined by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the federal Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This position is funded by DPI as a five-year grant.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Preferred Education and Related Work Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in education, mental health, substance abuse or juvenile justice.
- Grants management and compliance experience preferred.
- More than five years of related work experience required.

Licenses, Registrations or Certifications:

- Criminal background check required for hire.
 - Submission Materials:
 - Cover Letter
 - Resume
 - Three Current Letters of Recommendation

*** Please see the District website, under Employment Opportunities for a full job description: www.sdofcrandon.com

Application Deadline: November 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

How to Apply: To apply for this position, please submit application materials to School District of Crandon, 9750 US Highway 8 W, Crandon, WI 54520. Attention: Kirby Schultz, Interim District Administrator, or on WECAN.

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Position Title: Special Education Paraprofessional Position Details:

 Reports to: Principal and Director of Pupil Services

Position Description:

The School District of Crandon is seeking a Special Education Paraprofessional to work with students in Elementary School. This position will be a minimum of 37.5 hours per week. Pay for this position will begin at \$15.07 per hour, with benefits offered. Pay will be based on experience and this position will begin immediately.

Qualifications:

- Previous experiences working with children with students with disabilities is preferred, but not required.
- Have/or be willing to acquire a Special Education Program Aide License through DPI, at the cost of the applicant.
- Have/or be willing to acquire CPR Certification.
- Associate Degree, a minimum of 48 college credits, or be willing to take and pass the ACT Work Keys test
- Applicant will be required to complete and pass a criminal background check prior to hire.

Submission Materials:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Three Current Letters of Recommendation <u>Application Deadline</u>: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

How to Apply: To apply for this position, please submit application materials to Kirby Schultz, Interim District Administrator, School District of Crandon, 9750 US HWY 8 W, Crandon, WI 54520, or on WECAN.

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The Forest County Highway Department is accepting applications for a full time position. This is a mechanic position. A minimum of one (1) years experience as a diesel mechanic with experience in electrical, computer, fabrication, welding and gas engines is preferred.

Applicants must have a valid drivers license, a clean driving record, with a CDL endorsement, and be able to pass a physical, audiogram, and D.O.T. drug screen. Applications may be obtained at the Highway offices located at 5350 County Road."W" Crandon, Wisconsin, or Off the Forest County Website.

Starting wage is \$23.00 per hour with an Excellent Benefit Package.

All interested parties must file a new job application to be given consideration.

Applications will be accepted until 3:00 P.M. on November 7th, 2023.

By Order of the Forest County Highway Committee:

Mark Chrisman, Highway Commissioner

Nicolet AARP Chapter 1191

The October meeting of the Nicolet AARP Chapter 1191 was a potluck dinner and ticket raffle. The November meeting will be for the election of officers for next year. Members were encouraged to consider open officer positions. Members were also encouraged to submit suggestions for future speakers at meetings. It was announced that all future meetings and social events will start at 1:30 P.M. Also future dinner events will cost \$22.00 per person. There will be no meeting in December. The January meeting will be a potluck dinner.

AARP meetings are social and informative. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church starting at 1:30 P.M. Contact Janice Tetzlaff Membership Chairman at 920-323-6734 for information.

Submitted by Richard J. Culver, Public Relations Chairman

HELP WANTED CRANDON SCHOOL

Position Title: Project AWARE Mental Health Program Navigator

Compensation:

 Salary Range: \$50,000 - \$80,000, based on experience.

The Mental Health program Navigator position is funded through Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education), and is a limited term 5 year grant.

Position Description:

The School District of Crandon is seeking an individual passionate in mental health to provide mental health program coordination services.

The Mental Health Navigator will promote and support the Project AWARE Vision Statement to work towards "A community with coordinated and integrated systems that promotes the mental health of our students and their families, resulting in positive youth development." This position will provide coaching and support to the district team on the implementation of mental health best practices within the tiered system of support. This position will work closely with school staff, community partners, parents/guardians and students to raise awareness, reduce stigma and increase access to mental health services in both the school and community.

Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in education, mental health, substance abuse or juvenile.
- Grants management and compliance experience preferred.

Submission Materials:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Three Current Letters of Recommendation

*** Please see the District website, under Employment Opportunities for a full job description: www.sdofcrandon.com

Application Deadline: November 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. How to Apply: To apply for this position, please submit application materials to School District of Crandon, 9750 US Highway 8 W, Crandon, WI 54520. Attention: Kirby Schultz, Interim District Administrator, or on WECAN.

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Mine Sale Cont. from pg. 1



This display of anti mine signs was set up at the Potawatomi Community Center. Back in the mine permitting days, you couldn't drive anywhere from here to New London without seeing the signs displayed all over the towns and country side.

Eventually, Rio Algom started running low on funds. They were bought out by a South African mining company named Billiton. Billiton eventually merged with an Australian mining company named BHP to form BHP-Billiton. The new management of this company didn't have as bright a view of the Crandon project as the other companies, and after a meeting with a delegation from Mole Lake in South Africa, decided to drop the project. It was offered for sale at what could be called a bargain price to the two Forest County tribes, and they were able to buy it, putting an end to the Crandon Mine project. That was twenty years ago, and it isn't likely that the project will ever be mined. It is a water-rich area and a very sulphur-rich area as well. These two facts make mining the site impossible to do cleanly.

It was a divisive time in the area. The project affected Langlade County as well as Forest County, and if

HELP WANTED

Employment Opportunity Forest County Commission on Aging/Social Services Department

The Forest County Commission on Aging/Social Services Department is currently accepting applications for a Clerk position. The position is a full-time position at 35 hours per week and requires a high school diploma or equivalency.

Preferred applicants must have experience and knowledge of office terminology and procedures. Excellent written and verbal communications are a must, as well as knowledge of state laws pertaining to the operations of the Social Services Department. Starting wage for this position is \$19.16 per hour.

Application and position description may be obtained at www.co.forest.wi.gov or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E. Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520.

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Employment Opportunity Forest County Social Services

The Forest County Social Services Department is currently accepting applications for a full-time (35 hours per week) Social Services Aide/Child Care and Foster Care Position. Preferred applicants will have an Associates degree or equivalent work experience working with people and proficient computer skills.

The starting wage for this position is \$20.21 per hour. Applicants need to have an understanding of state laws that pertain to the operation of the Social Services Department.

Application and position description may be obtained at www.co.forest.wi.gov or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E. Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520.

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the Wolf River had been severely affected, it would have affected all the areas down stream on the Wolf.

But, that is in the past, and nobody at the beginning of this mining conflict would have ever dreamed that the two tribes would end up with the ore body. It has been under tribal ownership for 20 years, and that was cause to celebrate!

There were a number of speakers who told stories of the mining permitting days, and there was dancing as well as food to add to the celebration. It was a great get together with many memories of the mining fight shared by those who were involved.



The dancing was joyful as well as colorful at the Potawatomi Community Center.

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Conservation Corner Cont. from pg. 1

spread the seeds of many plants, including some agricultural crops. Bats also play a critical role in controlling insect populations, particularly those of agricultural pests. They are the unsung heroes of the night, keeping the number of mosquitoes, moths, and other insects in check. Without bats, our world would face increased pest-related problems, impacting both agriculture and human health.

Unfortunately, bats face several threats that have led to population declines in recent years. Habitat loss, climate change, and the spread of white-nose syndrome, a deadly fungal disease, are among the primary challenges they encounter. Wisconsin, like many other states, has seen a decline in its bat populations, making conservation efforts more crucial than ever.

Wisconsin Bat Week offers a platform to educate the public on the significance of bats and the need for their protection. During this week, various events and activities are organized throughout the state to raise awareness about bats and encourage their conservation.

These programs provide insights into bat behavior, their ecological importance, and the challenges they face. From school children to adults, everyone can learn something new about bats and their contribution to the environment. Educational events include lectures, bat house building workshops, and guided bat watching tours. Wisconsin Bat Week isn't just about education; it's also about taking action. Conservation organizations, environmental agencies, and local communities collaborate to develop and implement strategies to protect bat populations. This includes efforts to combat habitat loss, monitor and manage white-nose syndrome, and support research initiatives.

Wisconsin Bat Week is not just for wildlife enthusiasts; everyone can participate in this celebration. Here are a few ways you can get involved:

Attend Events: Check out the events happening during Wisconsin Bat Week and attend those that interest you. You can learn about bat biology, conservation, and even engage in bat-themed arts and crafts.

Install a Bat House: Consider installing a bat house on your property. These structures provide bats with safe roosting places and can help boost local populations. https://www.hgtv.com/outdoors/gardens/animals-and-wildlife/how-to-build-a-bat-house

Support Conservation Efforts: Donate to or volunteer with organizations dedicated to bat conservation in Wisconsin. Your contributions can make a significant impact in protecting these creatures.

Spread the Word: Raise awareness about the importance of bats in your community. Share what you've learned during Wisconsin Bat Week and encourage others to join in the effort to protect these fascinating animals. Bat Week is a remarkable initiative that not only educates but also inspires individuals and communities to take action in preserving these essential creatures. Bats may be creatures of the night, but they are vital to our world's wellbeing. By supporting Wisconsin Bat Week and the broader conservation movement, we can ensure that these incredible mammals continue to thrive in Wisconsin and beyond. Together, we can make a difference in securing the future of these remarkable creatures and the ecosystems they support.





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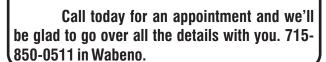
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FIRST TEAM
PLAYER TEAM YEAR
Lauren Littleton Crandon 11
Kamdan Johnson Florence 11
Allison Albrecht Laona/Wabeno 11

Lily Terry Laona/Wabeno 10 Malerie Krawze Laona/Wabeno 12 Jenna Erickson Three Lakes 12 *bold lettering denotes unanimous vote

SECOND TEAM PLAYER TEAM YEAR

Kelsey Bissonette Crandon 12 Madison Carlsson Crandon 12 Isabella Millan Florence 12 Holly Gilligan Laona/Wabeno 11 Kailyn Fogerty Three Lakes 10 Kaya Szews Three Lakes 12

HONORABLE MENTION PLAYER TEAM YEAR

Madison Thurow Crandon 12 Ellee Joerns Elcho 10 Hannah Schmidt Elcho 10 Sami DeMuri Florence 10 Vicki Peterson Florence 12 Hailey Moore Goodman/Pembine 11 Lily Zapp Goodman/Pembine 12

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY 2023

Girls Conference Champions: Crandon Cardinals Girls Runner of the Year: Addison May, Crandon Cardinals GIRLS ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS FIRST TEAM PLAYER TEAM YEAR Addison May Crandon 10

Addison May Crandon 10
Alexis Schallock Crandon 12
Lindsey Mihalko Crandon 9
Emmie Suther Goodman/Pembine 9
Krystal Moddie Goodman/Pembine 11
Joley Berger Goodman/Pembine 12
Sophia Nafziger Three Lakes 11

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NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY 2023

Boys Conference Champions: Crandon Cardinals Boys Runner of the Year: Taylor Karcz, Crandon Cardinals BOYS ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS FIRST TEAM

PLAYER TEAM YEAR
Logan Bostron Crandon 9
Omar Bailey Jr. Crandon 12
Taylor Karcz Crandon 11
Tyler Gumm Crandon 11
Conner Hanneman Three Lakes 12
Jesse Kleinhans Three Lakes 12
Nolan Waltz Three Lakes 9

2023 Don & Ora Lea Golf Outing Great Success Despite Weather

The 2023 Don & Ora Lea Bartels Charity Tournament was held at McCauslin Brook Golf & Country Club in Lakewood on Monday, September 11. The annual event was a great success even though golfers and volunteers once again had to compete in windy, rainy and cold weather.

Tournament organizer Mickey Schipferling expressed the gratitude of the Bartels family and employees: "We want to thank everyone for participating: the golfers who played despite very challenging conditions, the businesses and individuals that took out sponsorships and donated wonderful prizes, and our hardy volunteers who worked the entire day."

Over \$10,000 was raised in the one-day tournament. Half of the proceeds will go to the Lakes Country Public Library Building Fund, with the remainder donated to local charities and to fund scholarships. A full list of bracket winners is available at the Library and at lakescountrylibrary.org.





Northwoods Football Conference 11 Man Football 2023

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: ALEX HAINES, OCONTO FALLS PANTHERS-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: TJ MUELLER, CRIVITZ WOLVERINES-OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR: JACKSON BURD, OCONTO FALLS, PANTHERS-DEFENSIVE LINEMEN OF THE YEAR: SAWYER SEEFELDT, COLEMAN COUGARS-COACH OF THE YEAR: NICK BOHL, OCONTO FALLS PANTHERS-ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR: DENNIS LUECK, OCONTO FALLS PANTHERS

ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

OFFENSE - FIRST TEAM-POSITION- PLAYER- TEAM- YEAR
QB Kade Rosenow Clintonville 12, Back Brady Gross Coleman 12, Mason
Mullins Crandon 12, TJ Mueller Crivitz 12, Alex Haines Oconto Falls 12,
Tight End Greyson Cahak Oconto Falls 11, Wide Receiver Sam
Wegener Clintonville 11, Jonah Dickens Tomahawk 10, Lineman
Sawyer Seefeldt Coleman 12, Dylan Davis Crandon 12, Jackson Burd
Oconto Falls 12, Jonny Moody Oconto Falls 11, Mason Cole Oconto
Falls 11, Placekicker Walter Horabik Tomahawk 10

DEFENSE - FIRST TEAM - POSITION - PLAYER - TEAM - YEAR
Back Brady Gross Coleman 12, Tegan Werner Crivitz 12, Alex Haines
Oconto Falls 12, Inside Linebacker Caden Palubicki Crandon 12,
TJ Mueller Crivitz 12, Outside Linebacker Micah Kuchta Coleman 11,
Cruz Palubicki Crandon 10, Lineman West Bieber Coleman 11, Dylan
Davis Crandon 12, Tylor Landvick Oconto Falls 12, End Sawyer
Seefeldt Coleman 12, Bryce Schefdore Oconto Falls 12, Punter Luke
Gilbertson Oconto Falls 11

ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

OFFENSE - SECOND TEAM-POSITION- PLAYER- TEAM- YEAR QB Micah Kuchta Coleman 12, Back Kolton Peters Coleman 9, Caden Palubicki Crandon 12, Tegan Werner Crivitz 12, Wyatt Laughrin Oconto Falls 11, Tight End Max Seefeldt Coleman 12, Wide Receiver Zach Johnson Clintonville 10, Jackson Flowers Crivitz 12, Lineman Peyton Kautz Clintonville 12, West Bieber Coleman 11, Brayden Bort Coleman 12, Conner Lawrence Crandon 12, Eric Corrigan Crivitz 11, Alex VanDeWalle Crivitz 12, Ethan Gibeault Tomahawk 10, Kicker Stephen Allard Crivitz 10

DEFENSE - SECOND TEAM-POSITION-PLAYER-TEAM-YEAR
Back Sam Wegener Clintonville 11, Jaxon Keepers Crandon 11,
Brayden Larson Tomahawk 11, Inside Linebacker Matthew Fendrick
Coleman 9, Hunter Ingram Oconto Falls 11, Outside Linebacker Alex
Frehse Oconto Falls 12, Caleb Dickens Tomahawk 12, Lineman Peyton
Kautz Clintonville 12, Alex VanDeWalle Crivitz 12, Ethan Gibeault
Tomahawk 10, Ends Zander Schroeder Clintonville 12, Jonny Moody
Oconto Falls 11, Brett Marheine Tomahawk 12, Punter Jackson
Flowers Crivitz 12

ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS OFFENSE - HONORABLE MENTION-POSITION-PLAYER-TEAMYEAR

QB Kaden Klaver Crivitz 12, Tight End Jeremy Earley Oconto Falls 11, Wide Receiver Zander Schroeder Clintonville 12, Jack Yaeger Clintonville 12, Brayden Larson Tomahawk 11, Lineman Ryan Gauthier Clintonville 10, Ryan Schunk Crandon 12, Andrew Samundsen Tomahawk 12, Placekicker Tristan Kostreva Coleman 11

DEFENSE - HONORABLE MENTION-POSITION-PLAYER-TEAM YEAR

Back Jonathan Scherschel Clintonville 12, Jack Yaeger Clintonville 12, Kaden Klaver Crivitz 12, Cole Bozile Oconto Falls 11, Jonah Dickens Tomahawk 10, Inside Linebacker Kaine Killips Clintonville 12, Brody MacNeil Crivitz 10, Rex Reilly Tomahawk 10, Outside Linebacker Ryan Schunk Crandon 12, Devon Weiss Crivitz 11, Chase Carriveau Oconto Falls 11, End Reece Schad Crivitz 10

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Wabeno Lions Celebrate Lion Biz



Lion Robert (Biz) McEwen celebrated his 90th birthday on October 25th. Eighteen Wabeno Lions Club members surprised him with a visit and a huge birthday cake. Biz has been a Wabeno Lion since June 25, 2008. His roots in Wabeno go deep; Biz graduated from Wabeno High School in 1951.

Family members present to celebrate and honor Biz were his wife Karen, daughter Pam, and his granddaughter. The Christian Thrift Store, where Biz and Karen volunteer, was represented by 24 friends and fellow volunteers. "Happy Birthday" and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" were sung. There were both tears and laughter. The birthday cake was thoroughly enjoyed by Biz and his family, the Wabeno Lions members, the Christian Thrift Store volunteers, and NuRoc residents and staff. The birthday celebration lasted for over an hour, and everyone got one-on-one time with Biz- an individual who epitomizes the Lion motto, "We Serve."

Happy birthday, Biz! Submitted by Lion Clare Huisman and Lion Norma Johnson



Wabeno Fab Lab Recognition

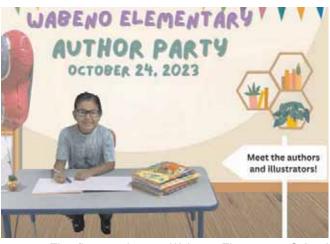


Picture L-R: Brian VanEperen, Wabeno Fab Lab Director: Lisa Pichotta, Nicolet Plastics Director of Human Resources

Congratulations to Mr. Brian Vaneperen. Brian was an award winner last night at the NEW Manufacturing Alliance ceremony held at the Resch Center in Green Bay. Brian was recognized for his manufacturing partnership with Nicolet Plastics and our Youth Apprenticeship students. This awards ceremony recognizes "Excellence in Manufacturing and K-12 partnerships." The School District of Wabeno Area was 1 of 9 recognized educational institutions in Northeast Wisconsin.

At the ceremony, Brian was able to give a five minute talk about the importance of Youth Apprenticeships and partnering with local businesses. Congratulations to Brian and the Wabeno Fab Lab! We appreciate Brian for being part of developing our youth with a passion to enter the manufacturing industry.

Wabeno Elementary First Graders Accomplished Author/Illustrators



The first graders at Wabeno Elementary School have accomplished a goal that many adults do not reach. They are published authors and illustrators. The project began in their kindergarten classrooms where Ms. Presley Keeble and Mrs. Betty Jo Derozier led a half-year project involving research writing and a science experiment. The project culminated in an Author's Party that first grade teachers, Mrs. Teresa Romprey, Ms. Carol Spatz and Mrs. Michelle Gobert helped prepare for.

The students learned about the research writing project as they researched about plants and butterflies. Their experiment began by planting seeds of the mallow plant in a hydroponics growing system. As the plant grew, students documented their observations of the experiment. When the plant had an abundance of foliage, caterpillars were ordered who quickly devoured every leaf and continued their life cycle as students watched the process. When the time finally arrived, the butterflies were released.

Throughout the experiment, students were busy with their rough

drafts and illustrations. In preparation for publishing, pages of writing were selected and final copies were made before sending the manuscript off to Studentreasures for publishing. Every student in the combined class book has at least one page in the book.

In June, the published books arrived at the school awaiting the day of the Author's Party. That day came on Tuesday the 24th of this month when students presented their book by reading each of their individual pages in a presentation for families. A meal was enjoyed and pictures were taken in the photo booth. Students received a journal to take home for more writing adventures. An exciting night was had by all!



Vets 4 Vets of NE WI offering Free **Christmas Trees to Veterans**



Our organization has partnered with Uncle Paul's Christmas Trees, where vets and their families are welcome to come out from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, November 26, 2023, to cut down a beautiful Christmas tree to take home-free of charge.

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